



# The Messengers: Isaiah

## SCRIPTURE

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*Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)*

<sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. [Immanuel means God with us.]

*Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7 (NIV)*

<sup>1</sup> Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan.

<sup>2</sup> The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned...

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

## MAIN TRUTH

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Isaiah was one of God's Voices who was used by God to reveal the character of Messiah and his relationship with people. Isaiah lived in Jerusalem in the eighth century B.C. He gives us a complete picture of the Messiah, both his first coming as Suffering Servant and his second coming as Conquering King. Because he gives prophecies of both comings, many Jewish scholars decided that Isaiah was prophesying about two Messiahs. "How could one man be both?" is the question scholars who reject Jesus can't answer.

## PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

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- Read both Isaiah 9:6-7 and Isaiah 53. What do the two different prophecies show us about Messiah?
- In Isaiah 9:6-7 the names of the Messiah show strength, majesty, and power. How does this relate to the name of the Messiah in Isaiah 7:14?
- What does Immanuel say to you about your relationship with God?